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COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA

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J. Spear METHODS OF TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA WITH

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AMENDMENT

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 21, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application for U.S. patent.

In the Specification:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, in line 3, please substitute -- filed on March 6, 1997, which is a continuationin-part of U.S. Patent Application 08/368,378 filed on January 14, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application 08/124,292 filed on September 20, 1993-- for "filed March 6, 1997".